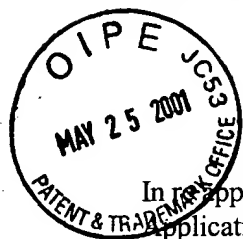


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of: Forbes, James W.

Application No.: 09/705,056

Filed: 11/02/2000

For: DROPPED DECK CENTER BEAM RAIL ROAD CAR

Group No.: 3617

Examiner: Jules, F.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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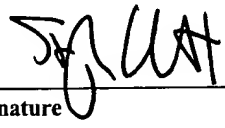
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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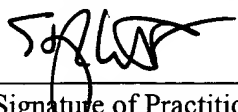
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No additional fee for claims is required.

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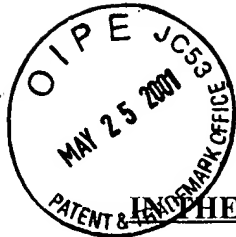
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Requirement for election of species, mailed April 23, 2001. As this response is made in a timely manner, no fee for extension is due.

The applicant also makes a voluntary amendment to the claims to correct typographical errors and problems with antecedent basis. No new claims are presented and no claims are canceled, so no fees are due for excess claims.

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) The center beam rail road car of claim 1, wherein:
said car has a center sill, said deck structure being supported thereby;
said web assembly includes an array of posts extending upwardly from said center [main] sill and has an upper region adjacent to said top truss and a lower region adjacent to said decking structure;
said upper region of said web assembly has at least one longitudinally extending skirt against which lading can be placed.
4. (amended) The center beam rail road car of claim 1, wherein:
said car has a center sill, said deck structure being supported thereby;
said web assembly includes an array of posts extending upwardly from said center [main] sill and has a lower region adjacent to said decking structure and an upper region distant therefrom;
said car has an upper beam assembly, said upper beam assembly including said top truss and a beam stem, said top truss being mounted upon said beam stem and said beam stem being mounted to said upper region of said web assembly;